

## **2024 BOYS LACROSSE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 9:30 a.m. – held via Zoom

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rick DeBlasio, Grand Rapids (Advisory)  
JT Hogan, Spring Lake  
JD Kalleward, Portage  
Brian Kaminskas, Clarkston  
Rich Kimball, Lansing

Andrew Kransberger, Byron Center  
Nikki Norris, East Lansing  
Jeremy Strunk, Grandville  
Adam Zarotney, Haslett (MHSLCA)

### **MHSAA STAFF**

Cole Malatinsky

The agenda and minutes of the October 5, 2023 meeting were presented in advance. The Boys Lacrosse Committee made no recommendations to the Representative Council, which met on May 5-6, 2024.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **2024 TOURNAMENT AND PAIRINGS**

The 2024 season represents the fifth year that will utilize the Michigan Power Rating (MPR) as a key criterion for the Boys Lacrosse postseason seeding process. To ensure impartiality, a committee member from a different division was pre-assigned to each region to propose initial seeding. On the Friday and Monday before the postseason seeding meeting, MHSAA staff provided members with the latest results updating ratings data. The preliminary recommendations of each committee member were submitted to the full committee which finalized the brackets based on the established criteria.

The late season Regional alignments for Division 1, Regions 1-8, and Division 2, Regions 9-16 were set based upon the pre-determined criteria from #1 seed to #9 seed depending on the number of teams in each Region. The pairings were posted on MHSAA.com the afternoon of the meeting; all seeds and placements on the bracket were final and not subject to appeal. Quarterfinal and Semifinal pairings were determined. Division 1: Regions 6 vs 4 and 3 vs 5, (winners play in Semifinals), Regions 7 vs 8 and 1 vs 6 (winners play in Semifinals). Division 2: Regions 14 vs 15 and 10 vs 13 (winners play in Semifinals); Regions 12 vs 16 and 11 vs 9 (winners play in Semifinals).

Potential Semifinal sites were submitted for games on Wednesday, June 5, 2024: Byron Center, Grand Ledge, Grandville, Howell-Parker Campus, Lansing Catholic, and Troy.

The 2024 MHSAA Boys Lacrosse Final doubleheader will be at U of M Lacrosse Stadium on Saturday, June 8, 2024 – Division 1 at 2:00 p.m.; Division 2 at 11:00 a.m. The Girls Lacrosse Finals will be held at U of M Lacrosse Stadium on Friday, June 7, 2024 – Division 1 at 4:00 p.m.; Division 2 at 7:00 p.m.

### **OFFICIALS**

Since 2014, three officials are assigned to all rounds of the MHSAA Tournament; a fourth CBO is assigned at the Semifinal and Final games. Committee members were presented with a list of 232 MHSAA registered officials. Of this number, 141 were listed members in good standing of an approved local officials association. Recommendations from lacrosse officials associations and MHSAA registered assigners and officials' schedules for most of the current season were also received. MHSAA Staff prepared recommendations for assignments based, in part, on officials who had accumulated enough ratings and had three or more years of MHSAA registration. The committee reviewed assignments subject to MHSAA staff implementation for tournament games from Regional Semifinal through MHSAA Finals. MHSAA staff will assign selected officials and replacements to specific games. Officials for the Pre-Regional games and first round at the home site will be the responsibility of the home school, which will be the top team on the bracket.

**2023-24 MEETING DATES**

Thursday, October 3, 2024 (date subject to change) and Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Following challenges created by teams playing scheduling a limited number of contests against MHSAA member school opponents by the late season seeding meeting, MHSAA Boys Lacrosse Tournament seeding protocols and contests against out-of-state opponents will once again be a topic on the October agenda.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

There were no recommendations to the Representative Council.